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ABOUT THE COVER

HABERDASHERS throughout the British Isles have been doing a bang-up business as the M.I.A. drama groups over the Mission have presented the play, "I'll Eat My Hat." For the past six and one-half months this play has been produced on the same programme with the Millennial Chorus which has just completed a tour of all the districts in the Mission.

Some time ago the Mission M.I.A. Board decided that a drama contest should be conducted among all of the branches. The tour of the Chorus was just the thing that would enable the competition to be judged.

The contest has ended and the ballots have been counted.* It is reported that the competition was extremely close but that the Middlesbrough Branch in the Newcastle District won top honours. Close behind was the Bury Branch of the Manchester District and the Oxford Branch of the London District took third place. Honourable mention goes to Nottingham and Kidderminster Branches.

On this month's cover of the **Millennial Star** are pictured the actors of the winning branch. They are as follows: Cleo, Delsa Harland; Glen, Derek Harland; Mrs. Atkinson, Maud Elliott; Mrs. DeVoe, Ursula Weatherhead; and Nancy, Irene Pattison. We are sorry that "Nancy" was not available when the picture was taken.

* See page 302 for district winners.

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FOUNDATIONS SECURELY LAID BY THE PROPHET

By Alma Sonne

THE story of the Restoration as told by the Prophet Joseph Smith is a perfect introduction to the Gospel message. It is a strong and powerful appeal to those whose spirituality has not become dimmed by worldly aspirations. Without doubt it is the most distinctive and captivating religious document of modern times. It will always have a place in the religious literature of the world. Told in simple language, outlined in perfect sequence and charged with sincerity and conviction, without rancour and bitterness, it has opened and stirred the intellects of truth seekers the world over. This solemn and penetrating testimony sprang from every fibre of the Prophet's mind and heart. What other modern declaration has so deeply touched the heart of humanity and influenced its recipients for good? It is reassuring and faith-promoting. It conforms to the spirit and letter of scriptural writings throughout the ages.

The Prophet's announcement that God had answered his prayer with a divine manifestation deeply disturbed current religious forms and doctrines. The fiercest opposition was hurled against him. He was maligned and persecuted. At every juncture he was challenged and his programme thwarted by ruthless tactics which emanated from political and religious animosities.

Undaunted by the hostile reception, he continued to present his views and to make known the word of God as it had come to him. Revelation after revelation appeared as circumstances required. Without them the Church could not have been organised and set in order. These revelations from God covered every phase of activity and organisation connected with the estab-

lishment of God's Kingdom upon the earth. They not only designated the various offices to be filled but defined the duties of the officers called to fill them. The future plans of the Church, its aims and purposes, the building and use of temples, the functions of the priesthood with its numerous callings, the doctrines pertaining to the redemption and salvation of the human family, the establishment of Zion and the far-reaching missionary programme were outlined with remarkable clarity in the revealed instructions. Joseph Smith could not have invented them. They are beyond the genius of human creation and understanding. They extend to the life after death explaining man's future estate, his possibilities, his eventual resurrection from the grave and the exaltation and glory awaiting the faithful. They set forth and explain the purpose of man's mortal existence, his relationship to his Father in Heaven, his pre-mortal life and his ultimate destiny. Surely the religious contributions of the Prophet Joseph Smith are boundless and great.

During his life the Prophet presented to the world thirteen Articles of Faith. They constitute some of the beliefs of the Latter-day Saints. They are neither a creed nor a complete code of faith. They are declarations of fundamental concepts and doctrines which form a part of the restored Gospel. Their principal object is to interest students and investigators in the Gospel message. As such they continue to serve a high and useful purpose. Missionaries use them as introductions to stimulate conversation and discussion on Gospel principles. They do not antagonise and offend, neither are



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they dogmatic in the sense of suppressing the opinions of others. They are friendly and rouse a spirit of investigation even in the most casual reader. It would be exceedingly difficult to improve upon these authoritative statements as a preface to a presentation of the doctrines and teachings brought to light by Joseph Smith.

The Church founded by him has accepted as scripture his works known as the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants and the Pearl of Great Price. These standard works sustain and clarify the word of God contained in the Holy Bible. They have been formally adopted as guides to their faith and beliefs by the Latter-day Saints in conference assembled. In no other way could the Church members better express their confidence in the Prophet's divine calling. And yet, these scriptural writings brought forth

by him are not the last and final word to lead and direct his followers on the road to salvation. His followers have accepted a positive and progressive religion. Indeed, the Prophet, himself, declared in one of the Articles of Faith referred to that, "We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God." Who will discount the magnitude of the Prophet's contributions, literary and otherwise, in re-establishing upon the earth the Church and Kingdom of God and in restoring the plan of life and salvation? Except as to their origin no one has attempted to logically discredit either the Pearl of Great Price, Doctrine and Covenants or the Book of Mormon. No errors in doctrinal teachings have been pointed out. No changes have been found necessary in the Articles of Faith. These writings have withstood the test of a century. They still remain as shining guideposts and a great inspiration to the Church established through his instrumentality. Considering the period of progress, advancement and enlightenment covered since they were submitted by the Latter-day Prophet more than a hundred years ago, their present soundness is a matter of wonderment.

Brigham Young, the Prophet's successor, began where Joseph Smith finished. His work was a continuation of the work started by the Prophet. His inspiration and power came from the same source. "What I have received from the Lord," said Brigham Young, "I have received by Joseph Smith." Even his great pioneering feats, his town planning, his temple building, his architectural achievements, his educational ideals and his programme for the betterment of the people had their counterpart in the settlement or regions in Ohio, Missouri and Illinois.

The foundations laid and the contributions made by the Prophet Joseph Smith will stand forever to enlighten humanity.

Mormonism and Democracy

By Elmer G. Peterson

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article has been especially prepared for the readers of the "Millennial Star" by Elmer G. Peterson, former President of the Utah State Agricultural College.

THE true democratic government is the servant not the master of the people and reserves to the people certain natural or God-given rights which the government cannot take from them. The Bill of Rights (the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States) state these inherent or "inalienable" rights as clearly and completely as they are expressed anywhere in political literature. For the purpose of this article here are the more important statements of the Bill of Rights which, as long as the Constitution stands, will protect the citizens of the United States from the tyranny of government:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated . . .

"No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury . . .

"In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial . . .

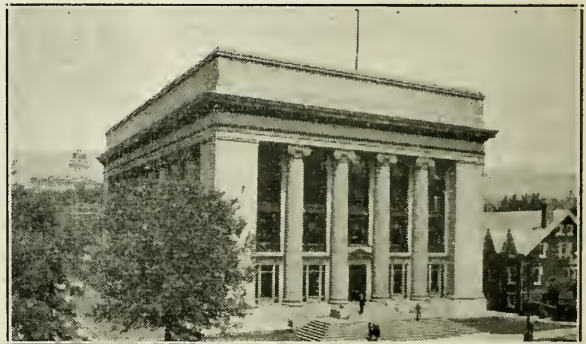
"The enumeration in the Constitution, or certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution nor prohibited by it to the States are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

These principles are considered by the leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, now as in the past, as divinely inspired by God through leaders raised up for that purpose and they consider the Constitution a necessary preparation and forerunner of Christ's Church on earth.

It is significant to note that our Church conforms to these ideals of the importance, the dignity, and the sacredness of the individual and his right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Space will not permit in this article a full explanation of the doctrine of the Church in regard to the individual. I shall be obliged to state briefly some of the cardinal principles in this regard as I, a member, understand them.

First of all, the Church declares that



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every man and woman is a son or daughter of God—in the literal sense, spiritually, of that great pronouncement. Thus, all being of one divine family, there can be no slaves or masters; all are servants of God. And there can be no question of favouritism before God. "God is no respecter of persons," it was said long ago, which is complete condemnation of the "master race" doctrine of Naziism and all similar doctrine wherever it is practised, and an affirmation of that tenet of the democratic faith which states that all are equal before the law. This declaration of man's brotherhood, in my judgment, is the very foundation of democracy; democracy cannot exist without it as a basic concept in the minds and hearts of the people.

"Freedom of mind and conscience is a doctrinal cornerstone of the Church of Jesus Christ."

Freedom of mind and conscience is a doctrinal cornerstone of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In all the history of the Church, compulsion of men's minds has never been countenanced; "patience and long suffering" is prescribed as the righteous method of dealing with the human spirit. Each man must choose the way he will go and he should be left unfettered to choose that way, subject only to infringement of other men's freedom and welfare; and he will be judged on the basis of his decisions and his actions. Those, and those only, who have prepared themselves by righteous living and have deliberately chosen good from evil, are eligible to respect and honour here and to membership in the Kingdom of God.

Of the million or more who now constitute the body of the Church, no doctrine is more inspiring to every worthy member than that of his place of importance and dignity as an individual. One of the most powerful emotions which characterises the meetings of the Church is the deep and abiding faith and certainty that every one who worthily partakes of the fellowship of the Church is indeed im-

portant and sacred in the eyes of God. What a precious faith this is! What an inspiration to good conduct. I once sat in a conference of the Church between a man of great wealth and power, and on the other side of me, a man of very humble station in life who had neither worldly wealth nor power. There was utterly no feeling of class consciousness between them. I felt and knew that each of these was aware that before God, he was no better than the other except as his deeds of justice and mercy and love ren-der him more worthy. Each respected the other, without effort or constraint. Each knew that he was a servant of God and each was con-

cerned only as to how good a servant he was. The man of wealth knew that his salvation in the Kingdom was conditioned on this, and not on his wealth or his social position in life.

I recall that the late President Eliot of Harvard once stated in an article which I prepared and presented at his request from statements of his which he sent me, that in the world religion which would some day cover the earth, such perfect democracy would exist that the lay member of the Church could not be distinguished from the leaders of the church, in garb or other outward sign. I had the honour to write President Eliot that that condition already prevailed in the "Mormon" Church where there is no paid clergy but where all share in the activities and ceremonials of the Church according to their several capacities and appointments. Could there be a more significant outward evidence of the democratic faith?

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has achieved a real brotherhood upon earth among its worthy members and a powerful consciousness of world-wide brotherhood. This is a magnificent achievement in spiritual government which glorifies the Church as it glorifies every worthy member and

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Youth Development Through The Mutual Improvement Association

By Elbert R. Curtis

TOWARDS the autumn of the year the members of the Mutual Improvement Association look forward eagerly to the September M.I.A. social and the beginning of the winter programme. This programme is formulated to appeal to members and friends alike because it emphasises not only the spiritual development of all those who take advantage of the opportunities to be found there, but it also aids them in their intellectual, cultural, social and physical development.

Through the years it has been the aim of the M.I.A. leaders to carry out the charges given by President Brigham Young at the inception of these organisations. To the Young Men he said:

"We want you to organise yourselves into associations for mutual improvement. Let the key-note of your work be the establishment in the youth an individual testimony of the truth and magnitude of the great Latter-day work; the development of the gifts within them that have been bestowed upon them by the laying on of hands of the servants of God; cultivating a knowledge and an application of the eternal prin-

ciples of the great science of life."

And to the Young Women he said:

"I have long had it in my mind to organise the young ladies of Zion into an association so that they might assist the older members of the Church, their fathers and mothers, in propagating, teaching and practicing the principles I have been so long teaching. There is need for the young daughters of Israel to get a living testimony of the truth."

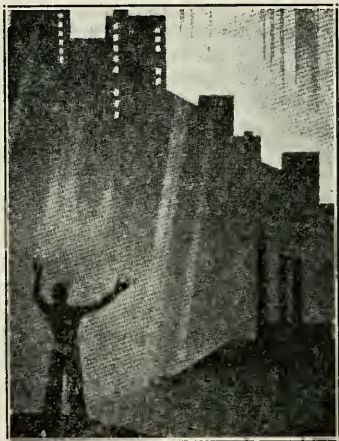
Again in April of 1941, the First Presidency of the Church reiterated this purpose in the following statement:

"The sole ultimate aim and purpose of the Mutual Improvement Associations of the Church is to plant and make grow in the hearts of their members a testimony of the Christ and the gospel, of the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith and of the Church, and to bring the people to order their lives in accordance with the laws and principles of the restored gospel and priesthood.

"There must be thrown around all our activities the strongest possible religious atmosphere. It must never be forgotten that the only reason for the existence of an auxiliary organisation is the attaining and building of a testimony of the gospel, and of the Messianism of Jesus."

Mutual courses of study deal with Gospel principles and teachings in their application to everyday life. Mutual recreation programmes and projects are planned with a definite spiritual background and offer much to enrich the lives of young people.

To aid in the intellectual development of youth and to uphold the M.I.A. motto: "The Glory of God is Intelligence," good books on a variety





Elbert R. Curtis

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of subjects have been suggested for each age group that we might study all things and thereby be prepared to magnify the calling whereunto we have been called and the mission with which we have been commissioned. For particular study this year is the Book of Mosiah from the Book of Mormon. It is of great worth because it epitomises in a large measure the entire Book of Mormon. It records the history of the wickedness of the Lamanites and the falling away of some of the Nephites; it relates the love of God for His children and His forgiveness when there is genuine repentance.

To help us to appreciate the good and develop the gifts within us the programme includes music, drama and speech arts. Dancing and the many outlined parties help us both culturally and socially. The great sports' programme as well as the lessons on the care of the body help us to remain physically fit.

The M.I.A. colours symbolise this development — green denoting youth, growth and progress, and gold typifying strength, honour and power. Youth may attain these glorious heights by living in accordance with the principles of the Gospel.

It is important for Mutual leaders to catch the vision of M.I.A., to know its purposes, to understand their responsibilities and opportunities, to help the young men and women of the Church and all those who desire to associate themselves with them, and to meet the problems of today with assurance and skill through application and wise interpretation of the Gospel.

It is our privilege to teach the thrill of spiritualised recreation by helping to develop the many talents of our young people. If we teach the young folks the grandeur of clean and happy fun, presided over by the sweet, sacred spirit of our Heavenly Father, we increase their capacity to enjoy life. Our responsibility is to serve the young people of the Church, to stimulate them to activity, to convert them to righteous principles and to keep them happy.

It should be remembered always that every prayer, every song, every dance, and indeed everything that is said and done in the Mutual programme has as its sole objective the "establishment in the youth of the Church an individual testimony of the truth and magnitude of the great latter-day work and the development of the gifts within them that have been bestowed upon them."

May the Lord bless you in your efforts to save young souls through His inspired programme.

*“And Ye shall know the Truth,
AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE”* *

By Martin C. Nalder

PERHAPS one of the subjects that has fascinated philosophers most for hundreds of years is the subject of truth and what it is. The early Greek thinkers tried to find an absolute line that would always be valid and would separate once and for all time—truth from untruth—right from wrong. Most of them eventually decided it was not possible to set up absolute standards. Ideas change with the years, and so concepts of truth and right change also. What was truth to them as Greeks, therefore, they decided, would not be truth to generations and civilisations to follow.

In our own time, science has attempted to find an “absolute constant” to be used in scientific determinations. Many have been tested and then discarded because of slight variations in their value according to the changing conditions under which the tests were made. The speed of light comes closest to being constant under all conditions but even then some scientists claim it also varies in certain instances.

Is there anything then that always has been, is, and always will be true? Is there something that never varies? Is there such a thing as Eternal Truth?

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints know that there is. It's the Gospel of Jesus Christ—truth that has always existed and always will.

In one of the earliest books of the Bible, just before his death, Moses wrote a song in which he said, in speaking of God, “He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a **God of truth** and without iniquity, **just and right** is he.” (Deut. 32: 4) In Psalms, we are told God's “mercy is everlasting; and his **truth** endureth to **all** generations.” (Ps. 100: 5) Any truth that will endure to “all generations” is obviously something that is true eternally.

Jesus said, “I am the way, the **truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (Jn. 14: 6) If God is a God of truth, it is natural to believe that only by the means of the truth can we come unto Him again.

Satan, unfortunately, is trying in various ways to blind our eyes to the truthfulness of God's word. He is trying to deceive us so that we will not be able to comprehend God's plan and to see clearly that we might cling to “the rod of iron” that Lehi tells of in his great dream, recorded in the Book of Mormon. But for those who do endure to the end on the path of truth that the Lord has prepared for us, there is a great promise:

“For they that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived—verily I say unto you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day. And the earth shall be given unto them for an inheritance; and they shall multiply and wax strong, and their children shall grow up without sin unto salvation. For the Lord shall be in their midst, and his glory shall be upon them, and he will be their king and their lawgiver.” (D. and C. 45: 57-59)

* (Jn. 8: 32)

MESSAGE *from the* MISSION PRESIDENCY



REVELATION instructs us that angels are messengers sent from the presence of God to minister to personages in heaven or men on the earth. Said the Prophet Joseph Smith, "There are no angels sent to this earth except those who do belong or have belonged to it." It would appear that such messengers are chosen for their duties according to special fitness for the work at hand.

In harmony with these declarations, one hundred and twenty-six years ago this month there appeared to the Prophet a personage who said his name was Moroni and that he had been sent from the presence of God. Who was he? What was his mission?

Moroni was born about 365 A.D., the son of Mormon who was the last great prophet and military general of the Nephite nation. In a sense, Mormon was also the author of the Book of Mormon, in that it is his abridgment of more than 1,000 years of Nephite history. Like his father, Moroni was called into the ministry early in life. During the last great struggle between the Nephites and Lamanites he stood beside his father, leading 10,000 of his countrymen into battle. Shortly before Mormon's death he gave to his son the abridged record, with instructions that he was to complete the history and to

hide it up to come forth in the last days as a witness to the whole house of Israel and Gentiles alike that Jesus is the Christ. True to this solemn commission, this last survivor of a proud nation finished the record and deposited it in the Hill Cumorah. One thousand four hundred years later he returned to earth to reveal the hiding place of that record to Joseph Smith.

As a mortal man, Moroni was a teacher, writer, translator, prophet seer and revelator. That he acted with authority in these callings cannot be questioned for, said he, "Ye shall know that I have authority when ye shall see me, and we shall stand before God at the last day." (Ether 5: 6) As an immortal being "whose personage was glorious beyond description," Moroni was the angel of the restoration spoken of by John the Revelator (Rev. 14: 6, 7). He was Joseph Smith's first teacher, fully instructing him in his mission as Prophet of the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times. In God's dealings with His children there are few men and few angels who have received greater missions or filled them more gloriously. This month we do well to reflect upon his life.

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The Book will Prove Itself

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By Joseph W. Darling

Spaulding manuscript was uncovered, and on comparison found to have no similarity to the writings of the Book of Mormon.

THE BOOK OF MORMON has been before the world for almost 120 years. It has been vilified and assailed by learned and unlearned alike, but in spite of this adverse criticism no generally accepted theory as to its origin is to be found amongst those who reject the statement that it has a divine origin.

Many futile attempts have been made to discredit the Book. Amongst others, an Alexander Campbell was the author of the idea that Joseph Smith wrote the book on his own initiative and without inspiration. This theory was nullified by the Prophet's youthfulness and inexperience and by a self-acknowledged lack of education.

Then there was the Spaulding Manuscript Theory in which the claim was made that the Book of Mormon was a replica of a romance written by one Solomon Spaulding. In 1885 the

There was also the Woodbridge Riley Theory, stating that Joseph Smith wrote the book under the influence of hallucinations and that he was in effect an epileptic. This theory utterly fails when noting the wonderful accomplishments of the youthful Prophet and the consistency and soundness of the doctrines and organization which he, by divine guidance, set up.

In addition to the above mentioned, many other "theories" have been advanced from time to time; however, not one of these has thus far established any reasonable or substantial evidence to prove that the Book of Mormon is other than that which it purports to be—a divinely inspired record of God's dealings with His ancient people on the western hemisphere and a new witness for Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the world. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints earnestly invites all men to investigate the Book's claim to divine origin.

The best evidence that the Book of Mormon is the inspired word of God is to be found within its covers. The book will prove itself to any and all who are sincere in their intent and genuinely desire to gain a knowledge of the truth. In this respect also the book is an aid in itself, for in the closing chapter these significant words are recorded: "And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost."

Could a more honest or straightforward invitation be made to any



Monument to the Three Witnesses of the Book of Mormon on Temple Square

enquiring person who is willing to submit to the requirements of "asking with a sincere heart, with real intent"?

There is further evidence that the Book of Mormon is an important part of the "marvellous work and a wonder" prophesied by Isaiah, for the book given to the world by the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1830 is in the year 1949 accepted by over one million people as divine revelation. The very fact that so many people have accepted the book in this category is itself a prophecy fulfilled from within its own pages. In II Nephi, 30: 3, these words are recorded, "And now, I would prophecy somewhat more concerning the Jews and the Gentiles. For after the book of which I have spoken shall come forth, and be written unto the Gentiles, and sealed up again unto the Lord, there shall be many which shall believe the words which are written; and they shall carry them forth unto the remnant of our seed."

In 1830 when Joseph Smith, who was unlearned, financially poor and at that time unpopular, published the book, how could he possibly foretell that "there shall be many which shall believe the words which are written" and furthermore that "they shall carry them forth unto the remnant of our seed." This would be tantamount to a writer declaring that his writings would take a place among the world's classics or a doctor of medicine declaring that a treatise which he had written would eventually become a standard text book on the subject.

The latter part of the quotation mentioned above, that (many) "shall carry them forth unto the remnant of our seed," is perhaps even more remarkable than the rest. How could Joseph Smith possibly have foretold that a vast number of people signified

by the word "many," would, of their own volition, have a desire to carry the words forth unto the world? This prophecy has been amply fulfilled and will continue to be so until the "time of the restitution of all things."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is a missionary church with a divine commission to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and to declare that the Book of Mormon is a divinely inspired record given as a tangible witness to God's people in these last days.

Tens of thousands of men and women



Hill Cumorah as seen today

have voluntarily gone out into the world at their own or their parents' expense to herald to the world the "dawning of a brighter day." The Book of Mormon has inspired a missionary zeal which has not been equalled since Paul preached the Gospel on his momentous travels. The simple, earnest testimonies borne by these young men and women have touched thousands of souls whose spirits were drooping and have brought to these same souls a new and living faith in the Son of God.

The message of the Book of Mormon is for all men everywhere. Its simple, definite doctrines have turned many souls from error to truth. It has unfailingly led people to God. It has brought happiness and a sublime contentment into thousands of lives.



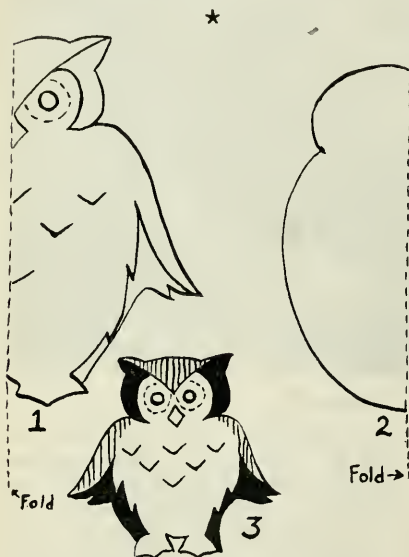
The Children's Page

By June Carlisle

AUTUMN'S HERE

Now that summer's over,
Now that autumn's here,
Birds are flying southward,
Blossoms disappear.

Leaves are bright and lovely,
Days are crisp and clear,
Now that summer's over,
Now that autumn's here.



MAKE A PEN WIPER

Figure 1 is the pattern for the cover of the Pen Wiper. Fold a piece of paper, 4 or 5 inches long, in half and sketch this outline. Then trace it on a piece of folded construction paper or felt. Do this twice. One of these is left plain for the back and the other is coloured with brown crayon as indicated in figure 3 for the front. Figure 2 is the pattern for both wiper and blotter. Trace one on a folded piece of blotter paper and the other on any available fabric (wool, cotton or rayon)

and cut out. Fasten the wiper and blotter between the front and back covers with pins or by sewing.

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HOW MANY KINGS DO YOU KNOW?

1. What king can never be captured but yet must be guarded carefully or all is lost?
2. What king caused everything he touched to turn to gold?
3. What is the king of the jungle?
4. What king was head of the Knights of the Round Table in Tennyson's "Idylls of the King"?
5. Who was the "wise" king?
6. What king called for his fiddlers three?
7. For what king was David called upon to play his harp?
8. What metal is called king of metals?
9. What king captured Jerusalem and carried the Hebrews into captivity in Babylon?
10. What English king authorised a translation of the Bible that is called by his name?

Answers to questions on page 304.

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THE PEACEMAKER

One day Beth, Eugene and Paul were playing in the kitchen. They were making doilies to be used at Eugene's birthday party. Little Paul was only two years old, but he wanted to help too, so he picked up a crayon and began to make his little scribbles on the paper that was closest to him. Eugene grabbed the crayon away, saying, "Now, Paul, leave that alone. You don't know how to make doilies. You only spoil them."

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The Millennial Chorus

Sings before 180,000 in 26 weeks' tour

By Thomas W. Ward

THE MILLENNIAL CHORUS returned to London on Monday, August 15th, after completing a tour of the branches of the Church in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In addition to the branch programmes, proselyting performances were given where arrangements could be made. During their travels the Chorus gave some 380 performances and contacted approximately 180,000 people in about 80 cities and towns. On five different occasions the Chorus has been able to draw favourable attention to the Church through the use of the B.B.C. facilities. All over Britain people have thrilled to the music of the "Travelling Ten."

On the 3rd of January this group of missionaries was gathered at the Mission Headquarters in London from all over the British Mission. Plans for the tour were discussed and practice was begun in preparation for their first performance on the 1st of February. In conjunction with the visits of the Chorus it was decided that a film depicting scenes in the "Tops of the Mountains" would be shown and each branch which the Chorus planned to visit was requested to prepare a one-

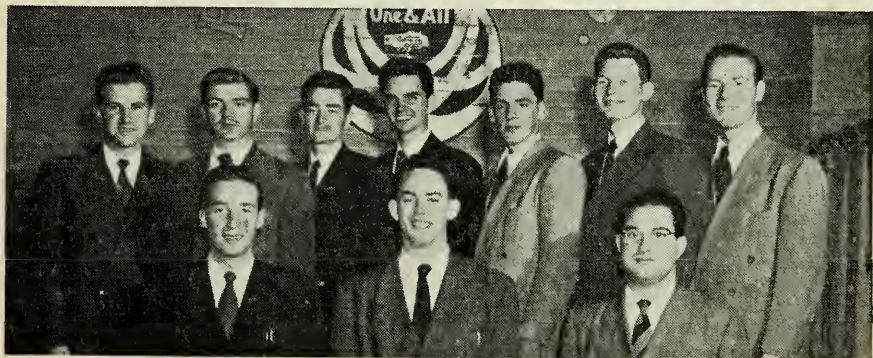
act play entitled "I'll Eat My Hat." This play was to take the form of a nation-wide contest, with the winner being chosen from all the entries.

All but two of the original ten members remained with the group for the entire period. Elder Frank Carlisle was released from his mission in June and was replaced by Elder Michael Bennett. Later Elder Dorrel Thacker because of a persistent cold returned to his district and Elder Elmer Hogge joined in his stead.

It was just six and a half months after the first performance in the South London Branch that the Chorus completed their journeys by singing "Oh My Father" before the Bourne-mouth Branch on the 14th of August.

Without reservation we can say that the tour was a grand success. A great deal of the credit for this success is due to the missionaries and branch

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(Left to right; back row) Edgar M. Gardner, 1st tenor; R. Byng Beazer, 2nd tenor; Elmer M. Hogge, 2nd tenor; J. Shirl Cornwall, baritone and director; Michael J. Bennett, baritone; David R. Campbell, bass; Harold M. Dougal, bass. (Front row) Archie J. Haskins, manager; Thomas W. Ward, pianist; Grant R. Hardy, violinist.

Thought for Today

AN EXCERPT from a letter written by Mr. George H. Lambert to his son, Richard D. Lambert, now labouring in the British Mission:

By George H. Lambert

... "YOUR thought for today: Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could only cash in on the hidden power within us? It is only when we link ourselves with inspiration of the Spirit of God that we can accomplish results which seem to be beyond our own strength.

You remember the story about the lad of tender years who with his parents visited a large cathedral. The beauty of this wonderful structure made a great impression on him; especially was he struck by the effect of the sun on the stained glass windows. He asked who the men in the windows were and the guide replied, "Those are saints. Do you know what a saint is?" The lad thought for a moment and then said, "A saint is one who let's the light through."

Not a bad definition! Not all of us can lay claim to sainthood, but I believe we all want to "let the light through."

If we really wish to let the light through to others, let us honestly believe in God and His truth. Not just think we believe in the good and the true and the fine; not just say we believe in Jesus Christ and in salvation and exaltation—but honestly demonstrate that true belief through good daily living.

This attitude of honestly fully believing will give us something that many people don't have. We will actually believe our moral precepts and our religious concepts. They will become so much a part of our being that automatically we will do the right thing. Our ideals will become our habits. We will have something bigger than pity and greater than courage.

We will walk by faith; we will possess faith; we will no longer frequently be in the dark; we will henceforth move about in the clear untroubled light. But remember to successfully let the light through to others we must make an absolute habit of believing and doing the right thing as simply as we might turn our face to the sun on a fine Spring morning.

Oh what a truly great work each of us could perform if we only knew and fully realised our power and the extent of it.

There is a story to this effect: There was a great weight to be lifted off the ocean floor some little distance out from the shore. Vain efforts had been made to bring this wreck to the surface. Great chains had been wrapped about the mass and stout steam tugs had puffed and strained all to no avail. Engines from the shore had exerted all their power without result. At length a young fellow proffered his services and he was told to try. He had a great flat barge towed over the sunken hulk, and chains were fastened to the chains which had previously been passed around the wreck and secured to the barge. When the tide was out these chains were tightened. Then our young man sat down on his barge and waited until the night tide came in and the barge rose steadily. This rise brought with it the sunken wreck to which it was chained. Higher and higher rose the barge until at last the wreck was out and clear of the mud and mire which had held it fast. The seemingly impossible had been accomplished by linking the rising agent to the power of the irresistible power of the tide.

To accomplish your righteous desires, link yourself by constant prayer to the power of the almighty.

Love, DAD."



A HOUSE — OR A HOME

By Loraine Moss

OF ALL the many professions women look upon, the most important, the most desirable, the one in which we most want to succeed (the one in which we **MUST** succeed) is the profession of homemaking.

Today homemaking entails so many things that were once considered foreign or apart from the home. Today we have come to the realisation that anything which concerns the life, happiness, progress, and well-being of an individual is a concern of the home—whether it be the latest political development, the newest scientific discovery or the current theory on mental health. To be a successful homemaker we do not need university training, but it is necessary that we be ever alert—seeking after knowledge and applying it to our daily lives. We are finding that running a home means much more than cooking three meals daily and doing the weekly washing and ironing.

From the time the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was first organised it has stressed the importance of the home, for we know that within the home the core—the foundation of the organisation—is formed. We realise and accept the responsibility which is ours in the teaching and training of those sent to our homes, for we know that the only way they can successfully take their place in the world of tomorrow is to successfully face the world of today. To see that they are aware of the problems they face and that they have firmly implanted within them the principles of the Gospel is the duty of every home in the Church.

With the rapid pace of progress today, homemaking must keep in step. What was good enough for grandmother is not good enough for us.

Every woman should be a better homemaker than her mother, having her mother's influence and teaching plus the knowledge and experience the modern world can offer.

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HANDY HINTS

Cleaning the bathtub, sink, or any type of porcelain sometimes becomes a troublesome task. Try this: Dampen a cloth with petrol, paraffin, or cleaning fluid; wipe the porcelain with a firm stroke; and presto! the job is completed in half the time with half the effort.

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An old inner-tube from a cycle tyre slipped over a broom or mop handle prevents the user from getting splinters in the hands.

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To remove tomato skins quickly: Wash. Scald for one minute. Plunge into cold water. With sharp knife cut out cores and clip off skin from blossom end. Skins will come off easily. Use same method for peaches.

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Does the batter come off the fish you fry? Try putting a little salt with the grease in the skillet. It helps in making it cling to the fish.

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HOME

I read within a poet's book

A word that starred the page:
"Stone walls do not a prison make
Nor iron bars a cage."

Yes, that is true, and something more
You'll find where'er you roam,
That marble floors and gilded walls
Can never make a home.

But every house where love abides,
And friendship is a guest,
Is truly home, and home-sweet-home;
For there the heart can rest.

—Henry Van Dyke



Editor

AN INSPIRED PEOPLE

THE power of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints lies in the faith and testimony of its individual members. It is a fact that no organisation can be stronger than the people which are found within its structure.

The Latter-day Saint believes that the doctrines which he holds to be true are given to man from God and a knowledge as to the truth of these things can come only through a personal revelation from God. Without revelation direct from heaven, it is impossible for any person to understand fully the plan of salvation. From the discourses of Brigham Young we learn: "I say that the living oracles of God, or the Spirit of revelation must be in each and every individual, to know the plan of salvation and keep in the path that leads them to the presence of God." (D.B.Y. p. 58) Whenever the Church of Jesus Christ has been on earth it has been directed upon this principle. The Prophet Joseph Smith explains that "If a people do not have revelations, they do not have the oracles of God; and if they have not the oracles of God, they are not the people of God."

Some people are inclined to believe that if there is a prophet at the head of a church who guides and directs the affairs for the whole body, the initiative and freedom of the individual is terminated, leaving him a blind follower of one man. Those who maintain such a conception fail to understand the relationship of God to man. Our Heavenly Father has revealed certain basic commandments and laws to man through His servants the prophets. However, it is left to the individual to gain, on his own volition, a testimony of these things.

Once receiving this testimony, it remains for him to follow those things which he knows to be true and to help others to do the same. The Lord tells us that he is a slothful servant who is compelled in all things. "Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; for the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves." (D. and C. 58: 27-28) Thus we see that compulsion has no part in the Lord's plan and that His people are continually encouraged to use their own initiative along righteous paths.

In their attempt to follow the Lord's commandments and to bring to pass much righteousness, the people of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have manifested by their works that they have been the recipients of abundant inspiration from the Lord. The

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organisation and the many other important characteristics of the Church demonstrate this fact, for such a system could not be operated with an incentive of love, rather than that of material gain, save it be through the direct aid of our Heavenly Father.

The organisation of the Church is credited throughout the world as being one of the most complete and well-formulated in existence. It has not always been in the highly developed form that we find it today. Most of the basic elements were given as revelation to the Prophet Joseph Smith and dealt with the priesthood offices. Years have passed and although the basic structure remains the same, the needs of the people have altered and new and beneficial branches of the organisation have been added. The new branches are classed as auxiliaries. It is interesting to note that in nearly every case the auxiliaries were adopted by the leaders and the body of the Church only after they had been originated and partially developed by some branch or ward of the Church and proven successful. The Lord inspired these people in the development of these programmes because they were seeking to provide for their needs and sought the aid of the Lord while doing it.

The development of the auxiliary organisations is only one example where the Lord has inspired His people. All of the commandments which God has given unto man are predicated upon the fact that He will inspire them if they only will have an active faith in Him and His word. Does it not take an inspired people to support a missionary system which costs several million pounds annually and which separates loved ones for lengthy periods of time? What force influences a people to pay one-tenth of their earnings to the Church? What induces the membership of the Church to spend their time and talents without material remuneration on the many offices in the lay organisation, on the various welfare projects, on the genealogical responsibilities and on the many other obligations within the Church programme?

It is the Prophet Nephi in the Book of Mormon who tells us, "And thus we see that the commandments of God must be fulfilled. And if it so be that the children of men keep the commandments of God he doth nourish them, and strengthen them, and provide means whereby they can accomplish the thing which he has commanded them." Without doubt, means have been provided through inspiration and revelation to the leaders and people of the Restored Church whereby they have been able to fulfil their obligations. Aid from God is open to all men in their various callings.

The Lord has blessed His people with a personal testimony of His work and the organisation has grown strong through the faith of the individual member. He has indeed again placed His oracles with men on earth.—HUGH S. WEST

World Church News



CHOIR TO SING AT WELSH MEETS.— The famous Tabernacle Choir will sing two numbers at each of the two sessions of the National Gymanfa Ganu (Welsh) Association when it meets on September 4th in the tabernacle, J. Spencer Cornwall, choir director, announced.

Griffith J. Jones, well-known Welsh composer, has made a special arrangement of Evan Stephens' hymn, "Come Dearest Lord," for the choir. The convention will be broadcast for a half hour over a national CBS hook up.

TEMPLE SQUARE MISSION ORGANISES EVENING LECTURE FOR TOURISTS.— Tourists are loathe to leave Temple Square after the last guide tour in the evening. Taking advantage of this circumstance the guides of the Temple Square Mission have taken it upon themselves to furnish another daily feature on the block. Between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. when the gates are locked, an illustrated lecture, "Highlights of Mormonism" is presented.

The lecture tells the epic story of Mormonism from Joseph Smith's birth, including the trek into the Salt Lake Valley "for tourists only." The attendance of the outdoor lecture averages 300 persons nightly.

Following the film a spot-light perched high on a limb of a tree is turned on illuminating the guides in

charge who invite the visitors to ask questions during the last half of the hour. Quite often this period runs over time.

RADIO FACILITIES TEACHING GOSPEL TO PEOPLE OF SOUTH.— The old South has always been famous for its preachers whose Saturday afternoon street sermons could be heard for blocks. Mormon elders of the past spent many an hour "shouting" to the milling crowds . . . but times have changed. Street meetings are still held but a more convenient and modern way of spreading the message of Salvation is used as well . . . radio. In Durham, North Carolina, for example, the elders broadcast Monday to Wednesday at 11 a.m.

75,000 ATTEND HILL CUMORAH PAGEANT.— Travelling from all over North America, 75,000 people gathered to Palmyra, New York, on August 25th, 26th and 27th to see the brilliantly costumed and lighted pageant, "A New Witness for Christ in America." Thousands more throughout western New York and southern Ontario saw the spectacle on television.

Performed by 185 missionaries from the Eastern States Mission, the striking panorama showed scenes from the history of ancient America, as recorded in the Book of Mormon. Action took place on a series of stages set among the pines and shrubs of Hill Cumorah before a nightly audience.

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members whose cooperation made the tour possible. The Chorus wishes to say thanks to all of those that extended the hospitality of their homes, to those who secured the appointments and to those who made the branch shows a success.

The Church in Europe



MISSIONARY FORCE DOUBLED.—

The Palestine-Syrian Mission, smallest in Europe, recently had its missionary force doubled with the arrival of four new missionaries from the United States. This augmentation of missionaries will enable President Piranian to concentrate the missionary work in the sections of Lebanon and Syria (Palestine is still closed to missionary work) where they are most needed. Additional missionaries are scheduled to arrive in the Palestine-Syrian Mission some time in late October of this year.

BERLIN SAINTS BUILDING FIRST CHAPEL. — On July 18th President Walter Stover of the East-German Mission turned the first shovelful of earth before a large group of members and friends who gathered to witness the ground-breaking ceremonies for the erection of Berlin's first Latter-day Saint chapel. Immediately after the initial ceremonies a crew of workers began in earnest the job of clearing the land of debris and rubble and the work has progressed rapidly. President Sonne declared the building site to be one of the best that he has every approved for the erection of a chapel. The site is located in the shadows of Berlin's beautiful pine trees, which is considered one of the best districts in the city. When the building is completed and the ground landscaped, a

fitting place in which to worship will have been achieved. The church members in Berlin are planning to do most of the labour on the chapel to reduce costs. This will be a worthy example of the true Church spirit.

The Berlin choir of the East-German Mission composed of 150 voices recently concluded a historic concert tour. They performed in Dresden, Leipzig and other cities in the Russian Zone before returning to Berlin for their final performance. President and Sister Sonne were among the 2,000 spectators who filled Berlin's Corso Theatre to witness this most noteworthy and excellent programme depicting in music the "Restoration of the Gospel." The funds derived from this series of concerts will be used towards the erection of the Berlin chapel.

MISSIONARIES RETURN TO AUSTRIA. — For the first time since the opening of hostilities that threw the world into its second great war, Latter-day Saint missionaries are now carrying the message of the restored Gospel to the people of Austria. President Samuel E. Bringhurst of the Swiss-Austrian Mission recently obtained permission from the Military Government authorities to send missionaries into that land. With the objective of measuring the missionary possibilities in Austria, President Bringhurst assigned two elders to work in Vienna and two to labour in Salzburg in Western Austria. After labouring in each city for only one month the missionaries report a very fertile field and many people are very receptive to the Gospel message.

IT'S ALL IN THE FAMILY. — According to available statistics there are no less than seven families who have two representatives in the European Mission. This does not include mission presidents and their wives nor does it include husbands and wives doing missionary work.



RED LETTER NOTES

from the experiences of our missionaries

EX-MAYOR LAUDS LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Perhaps the most outstanding men's organisation in Birmingham, the Rotary Club, heard from the lips of one of its ex-mayors a testimony to the effect that Salt Lake City is one of the most outstanding places in the United States to visit.

The incident occurred during a visit of the Millennial Chorus to a meeting of this club. In addition to the singing of the Chorus, talks and a film are generally presented on such occasions which help to explain a few of the Gospel principles and show how the "Mormons" were able to make the desert blossom like a rose. Although the film, "Crimson Cliffs" was unable to be shown due to mechanical failures, Elder Haskins, the chorus manager, presented a vivid description of the beauties of Utah and other things which were pertinent to the lives of the Latter-day Saints in the "Tops of the Mountains."

It was with great interest that this group of men listened. Some were builders who wished to hear of the engineering accomplishments of these strange people. Others were clergymen who wished to know a few of the doctrinal principles to which these people subscribed. Still others wanted to know why these people always had a smile on their faces.

These and many more questions were answered as best possible but all doubts as to the truthfulness of the speaker's statements left the minds of the listeners when at the conclusion of the programme the ex-Mayer of England's second largest city stood and told the

group of his experiences in Utah last year. He backed the claims that had previously been made and he further admonished all present that if they ever had the opportunity to visit the United States, they should not come back until they had seen what the

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"Mormons" had done to the desert in America. He also told them that they would be able to shake the hands of a few of the happiest and most generous people in the whole world.

(This account was submitted by Elder Fred C. Goldthorpe.)

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BOOK OF MORMON IS GREATEST EVIDENCE

For nearly 120 years the Book of Mormon has been one of the major proselyting agents for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is said that this book has led more people to the acceptance of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ than any other source.

Accounts of conversion through the Book of Mormon are numerous but I believe a recent incident is worth special mention. For twenty years an individual by the name of Leon P. Hannan had been wondering about the "Mormon" movement, but due to lack

of available information was never able to look into this sect. One day recently he found a leaflet which had been thrown away by some individual and on its back there was an address of the missionaries. The pamphlet appealed to him and he decided to look into the matter further.

On contacting the missionaries by letter and receiving the address of the meeting hall, he attended the next service. Obtaining as much literature as he could carry home he planned to make a thorough study of this religion. He was able to do a good deal of reading on his night-watchman's job.

Within two weeks after thoroughly reading the Book of Mormon, Mr. Hannan was able to write to the missionaries, telling them that "I have read the Book of Mormon and that without any mental reservation on my

part I believe it to be the inspired word of God as given to His Prophet, Joseph Smith, and I also believe," he continued, "that the Bible is not complete without the Book of Mormon." He stated further that he had made a sincere investigation for the truth since 1925 and until this time had not received satisfaction. He then requested baptism.

Having developed a strong faith, showing forth a true repentance by changing his life to fit the commandments as laid down by the Lord in these latter days, Leon Hannan and his only son were led into the waters of baptism on July 11th and into a new life that will bring continual joy and happiness.

(The above story was contributed by Elder M. Russ Ballard.)

Time to start writing for the Annual Christmas Story and Poem Contest



YOU have had a month now to think it over so how about doing a little writing! There are no restrictions as to who can enter the **Millennial Star** Christmas Story and Poem contest. All are invited to show forth their talents.

Remember, the story must be not longer than 1,500 words and the poem not longer than 24 lines, both to be written on any phase of Christmas. The envelope must be

postmarked on or before November 1st, which leaves you just a short two months.

The prizes for first, second and third place winners are bigger and better than ever. For details on just what each will win see the August issue of the **Star**.

Write up your entry, enclose it in an envelope with your name marked on a separate sheet of paper, and mail it to "Contest Editor, **Millennial Star**, 149 Nightingale Lane, Balham, London, S.W.12."

Come on and have a go!

BRITISH MISSION



RELEASES

Elder **BRUCE S. BENEDICT** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on the 29th of July. He laboured in the Irish District.

The following were released as missionaries to the British Mission on August 2nd:

Elder **JOHN HENRY SCHAEFFER** who laboured in the Manchester and Leeds Districts;

Sister **NELLIE SCHAEFFER** who laboured in the Manchester and Leeds Districts.

The following were released as missionaries to the British Mission on August 5th:

Elder **FRANK M. CARLISLE** who laboured in the London District and with the Millennial Chorus:

Elder **FRANCIS BITTON** who laboured in the Sheffield District.

The following were released as missionaries to the British Mission on August 13th:

Elder **LOREN V. MERRELL** who laboured in the Irish District;

Elder **VERNON J. MILLER** who laboured in the London District.

Elder **PAUL C. FLETCHER** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on August 19th. Elder Fletcher laboured in the Scottish District.



APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Elder **DEE E. WILLDEN** was transferred from the Norwich District to the Scottish District on July 29th.

Elder **CLIFTON R. McBRIDE** was transferred from the Newcastle District to the Liverpool District on August 4th.

Elder **RICHARD D. LAMBERT** was transferred from the London District to the Bristol District on August 16th.

Elder **MILES H. JOHNSON** and Sister **THEODORA B. JOHNSON** were transferred from the Liverpool District to the Bristol District.

The following members of the Millennial Chorus received transfers to their respective districts on August 16th:

Elder **R. BYNG BEAZER** to the London District;

Elder **MICHAEL J. BENNETT** to the London District;

Elder **ARCHIE J. HASKINS** to the London District;

Elder **J. SHIRL CORNWALL** to the London District;

Elder **HAROLD M. DOUGAL** to the Liverpool District;

Elder **EDGAR M. GARDNER** to the Liverpool District;

Elder **THOMAS W. WARD** to the Birmingham District;

Elder **DAVID R. CAMPBELL** to the Scottish District;

Elder **ELMER G. HOGGE** to the Nottingham District;

Elder **GRANT R. HARDY** to the Birmingham District.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by Florence Blackman

"Yea, they came out, ten of them, and they did make music. And their voices did echo throughout the halls of hospitals, fire departments, churches and town halls, and they were exceedingly good. And with them they brought a film and it was enjoyed by the multitude. And the multitude did comment upon them exceedingly. And they were here for a few days and they left."

Yes, the Millennial Chorus certainly made a hit here in the Birmingham District and all branches have sent in glowing accounts of their performances. They have been heard by many hundreds of people and who knows what the harvest of this seed might be. Many thanks to the members of the Chorus for the joy they have given to so many people.

There have been changes in the branch presidency in Northampton. The members wish to thank Elder Delynn V. Labrum for the wonderful association they have had with him as branch president for the past few months and also wish the new president, Elder Richard W. Hendricks, much success.

"We had a very good time," said the members of the M.I.A. in Northampton after a hike through the Harleston firs, "but our feet ache." Then there was Barbara Beadsworth who thought she was being chased by a horse, but when we looked around we found she was running faster than the horse.

Wolverhampton Branch has organised a new Sunday School and wish to announce that the meeting times are now: Sunday School 3.30 p.m. and Sacrament Meeting 5.00 p.m.

The "travelling" elders of Kidderminster Branch were the official guides on July 23rd when the Primary organisation went to Dudley Zoo.

Softball has come into the limelight at Bunton Park, Kidderminster. Each week the elders are meeting with local young people to teach them the game,

with the ultimate goal in mind of interesting them in the M.I.A.

A softball team of local members and missionaries went from the Birmingham Branch to Wolverhampton on August 12th. They defeated the home team by 16 to 15 runs. There were many aching muscles and limbs after the contest but a good time was had.

On Saturday, August 6th, a district outing was held at Coventry. The weather was perfect for the occasion. Games were organised for the enthusiasts while as usual the onlookers themselves thoroughly enjoyed watching.

BRISTOL DISTRICT

Reported by Derwin J. Orgill

This month has been a month of many activities in the district. One event of high repute was the visit of the Millennial Chorus to the district. Irrespective of the busy holiday season (which seemingly handicapped several of the branches in their attendance at each performance, and also prevented the presentation of the one-act play in certain instances) the Chorus had a very fine reception wherever they performed. Church members and many investigators throughout the district were absolutely thrilled with the singing as well as the film of Utah. There is one question now which can be heard wherever you go in the district, "When will the Chorus be back?"

Ah! At last we have some news from Bristol. The Sunday School of the Bristol Branch turned out in great numbers to hold its annual outing to Bournemouth on Saturday, August 13th. The weather was much in their favour, and thus a very enjoyable day was spent at the beach.



On August 14th the Bristol District held its annual Genealogical Conference in Stroud. Representatives from each of the branches were present to

hear the valuable instruction and inspirational talk given by District President Hyrum P. Hatch.

A baptismal service was held at Lynden Hall, Hydro, Bournemouth, on Sunday, August 7th. Mrs. Olive M. Hall and Mrs. Beatrice May Willoughby were baptised by Elder Daniel C. Keller and confirmed by Elder Hyrum P. Hatch and Elder George L. Mitton, respectively.

A very successful branch conference was held on August 7th at Bournemouth. A large turn-out of members, friends and investigators were present to enjoy the fine programme which was prepared by Elders Keller and Mitton.

Yes, in the past six months the Bristol District has shown a great amount of progress.

Cheltenham members were honoured to welcome President Selvoy J. Boyer to their branch several weeks ago. A public meeting was held at the Whaddon Community Centre, Cheltenham, on July 31st, in which many members, friends and investigators heard and enjoyed the inspirational talks delivered by President Boyer and District President Hyrum P. Hatch.

HULL DISTRICT

Reported by Betty Pashby

Unfortunately the usual Tuesday evening baseball game had to be cancelled on the 19th of July due to bad weather. Instead there was an impromptu social held. Although everyone was wet, all had a lot of fun. A week later on the 26th of July another social evening was conducted to raise some funds to purchase several books for the Genealogical Society. During the evening ice-cream and lemonade were served as refreshments (even though the ice-cream had melted with the heat it was very refreshing).

Monday, August 1st, was celebrated for two reasons: August bank holiday and a rather belated Pioneers' day. It was a district outing which took the many members and friends to Humberstone. In spite of the rather threatening weather, everyone had a lovely time.

A social was held at the Grimsby Branch on June 30th. Games and dancing were the entertainments for the evening. The funds raised on this occasion were in aid of the coming Sunday School treat.

IRISH DISTRICT

Reported by Anne B. Dunn

What! Collect jam jars and H.P. sauce bottles as part of a welfare project? Yes, that is exactly what the Aaronic Priesthood of the Belfast Branch has done. They made enough from the sale of these jam pots and sauce bottles to purchase the potato seed necessary to plant a vacant plot near the branch chapel which one of the neighbours graciously let them use. The ground had not been cultivated



for a number of years and was covered with a mat of coarse, wild grass when the Aaronic Priesthood took charge. Their willing hands and ready hearts soon overcame this obstacle and now a fine patch of potatoes is growing on the same

ground. The entire neighbourhood has been watching with interest the progress of this welfare garden and many friends have been made through it. The project has been effective in giving tangible evidence of the principle of welfare in the Church. It has roused interest among the Aaronic Priesthood members and they hope to be able to contribute to the general welfare fund this autumn after they have made the harvest.

The Latter-day Saint favourite 'Come, Come Ye Saints' had real significance when sung at the Belfast Branch outing on July 23rd in commemoration of the 102nd anniversary of the settlement of the Mormon Pioneers in the Salt Lake Valley. The branch was organised in real pioneer fashion for games, programme, and a pioneer dinner. District President "Brigham" Fillerup, with the aid of Elders "Heber C." Sagers, "Orson" Bowcut, and "John Taylor" Fowers, prepared a real pioneer stew in a black iron pot which was strung over an open fire on an improvised tripod in real frontier fashion.

The M.I.A. summer programme has been a huge success. It is with regret that we find the season drawing to a close. Many and varied were the activities devised by the M.I.A. officers, among which a cruise on Belfast Lough

aboard the "Ulster Lady" was surely one of the most popular. The games aboard, the dancing, and the scenery were very much enjoyed by the 26 members and friends in attendance.

The Dublin Branch news brings us word that the branch president and Mrs. Robert Lynn are the proud parents of a baby girl.

A baptismal service was held July 30th at Helen's Bay in County Down. Ernest King and his wife, Mary King, Patricia Alice Turner, Sadie June Turner, Mrs. Mary Brown, and June Mullen were baptised by Elder Richard D. Sagers.

LEEDS DISTRICT Reported by Norah Stephenson

On July 23rd the Dewsbury Relief Society held a garden party in the grounds of Fernbrook House. Mrs. Norah Moss, Relief Society president, was in charge of the affairs. Mrs. Jessie M. Gregory conducted the social in the evening with Mrs. May Taylor and Miss Lucy Ripley representing the M.I.A. for the Pioneer day. In attendance were 118 people and the sum of £29:3:0 was raised, which enabled the Relief Society to attain their 100 percent quota for the building fund. Mrs. Norah Moss paid a special tribute to Elder Preston and Elder Craven for their fine efforts on the hot-dog and hamburger stall, which proved a great success, as did the entire festivities.

On July 31st the Dewsbury Branch held their conference. Miss Joan Emmins was sustained as music director of the Leeds District. On August 7th the Primary took over at the evening meeting. Mrs. Rhona Cunningham conducted the meeting. Elder Norville Craven gave an address, Miss Joan Day told a story, Miss Caroline Garner gave her views as a Primary teacher, and Vera Stephenson, a Primary pupil, told what she had learned in Primary. The Primary art was displayed.

On July 30th a baptismal service was held in the Bradford Chapel, when Terence Lucas Hope was baptised by Elder Frank Holroyd and confirmed by Elder Glen McLain Seely and Alice Crossley was baptised by Elder George R. Parker and confirmed by Elder Elton L. Harmon. The speakers were Elder Ralph H. MacFarland and Elder Harmon.

A minstrel show was held in the Bradford recreation hall on July 30th. The master of ceremonies, Mr. Interlockiter, was portrayed by Fred Laycock. Joanna and his drums (Mr. Stanley Robertshaw) and Bones and his banjo (Mr. Jack Pickles) proved quite entertaining. The music was under the direction of Miss Vera Firth. Dances and songs were given by the cast of 25 artistes, complete with make-up and costumes. The script was compiled by Mrs. Joan Pickles. There were approximately 180 in attendance, the majority being investigators. The show ran smoothly with never a dull moment.

Mr. Herbert Walker with his Trail-builders left Bradford for a day at York. It proved a very interesting and educational outing, including history and geography. One boy remarked, "Brother Walker is better than our history books at school."

The Castleford Branch conference was held on July 7th and they were pleased to have President Selvoy J. Boyer with them, as well as District President William A. Earnshaw. There were vocal items presented by the Relief Society and Miss Mary Schofield sang a solo. An interesting talk by Noreen Halford, a member of the Primary, was enjoyed by a good attendance.

On August 13th a sports day was held in Leeds. A netball game was held between the girls of the Leeds and Dewsbury M.I.A.'s, the former being the victors.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT Reported by Stephen B. Nebeker

A baptismal service was held in Liverpool on the 18th of July. Nancy M. Roberts and Patricia Roach were baptised by Elder Paul H. Maeser and confirmed by Elder Harlan Young Hammond and District President Leland W. Rawson, respectively. Dorothy Lamb, Audery Ann Hicklin and Doris Grene Mather were baptised by Elder Edmund C. Evans and confirmed by Mr. Robert G. Larson, Elder Evans, and Branch President David R. Willis, respectively. Elder Rawson and Sister Florence L. Baird spoke to a group of 48 people on the essentials of baptism. Branch President David R. Willis conducted the service.

Elder Miles H. Johnson has been re-

leased as president of the Burnley Branch and the following sustained as the new branch presidency: Ernest Cook, president; Albert Pickup, first counsellor; and Elder Chesley N. Pier-son, second counsellor.

On August 2nd a farewell social was held for the Johnsons. Many church members and friends met in the Burnley chapel to wish Brother and Sister Johnson "all the best" in their new field of labour.

On July 23rd the Preston Primary, under the direction of Sister Gladys Moore, held a pageant depicting pioneer life. The "Mormon" exodus from the eastern part of the United States to the Great Salt Lake Valley was delineated by pictures. Games and dancing concluded a successful evening.

A play, "Pilgrim's Progress," written by Mrs. M. Fletcher, Primary Mother, ably assisted by Miss N. Gent and Mr. James Hennesey, was presented to the Liverpool Branch to raise funds for the Sunday School children's summer outing. Branch President David R. Willis supported the programme with a one-man sketch entitled "Fathers Take Note." A good time was had by all.

LONDON DISTRICT **Reported by Jean Silsbury**

The "Rose Ball" held at the Chelsea Town Hall on July 22nd could be called this district's "event of the month." During the evening an exhibition dance was given by eight M-Men and Gleaners. There was also a solo by Elder Lambert and a duet, "Wanting You," by Sister Clark and Elder Lambert.

Boy Scouts of the Luton Branch had a great thrill when they were individually introduced to Captain Lord Londesborough, the Chief Warden, whilst camping at "Lorfe Camp" on the Isle of Wight. Eight scouts attended and they were led by Mr. Harry Laycock.

Elder Wheeler played the star, "Micky Cooper" in a musical show, "Once Upon a Springtime," produced by the Oxford Branch M.I.A. The show was put on at a party held at the Liberal Hall on the 21st of July. Solos during the evening were given by Mr Brain on the trombone, accompanied by Elder Nalder on the piano.

Outings during the month included one from North London in which the whole company seems to have got soaking wet. Those who did not get wet while boating got drenched in the thunderstorm that ended the day. It was agreed, however, that everyone had enjoyed themselves.

It was a red-letter day for many Brighton Sunday School and Primary children when they travelled by train to Lewes for their outing on July 26th. Several had never before been on a train. Elder Larsen and Elder Barclay arranged the swimming and racing which kept the children occupied during the day.

South London children were taken to Grange Park, near Beddington, for their outing. Boating, paddling and pony rides kept the children thrilled during the day. The outing was concluded with tea in the boat-house, another thrill for the children.

A softball match between Brighton and Gravesend M.I.A. teams ended in a victory for Brighton. The match was played at Tunbridge Wells on July 23rd.

On August 6th a party from North London had a good time on a swimming outing.

We are sorry for its lateness but we would like to report a baptismal service in South London on the 12th of March. Sylvia Burns and Lucy Helen Liddell were baptised by Elder Reed A. Benson and confirmed by Elders Jerry K. Lawrence and Quinn G. McKay, respectively. Kathlene Margaret Young was baptised by Sherman B. Sheffield and confirmed by Elder Benson. Eileen May Watkins was baptised by Elder McKay and confirmed by Elder Benson.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT **Reported by G. A. Taylor**

Here's news indeed—a garden party and it didn't rain! This party was held by the Hyde Branch at the home of Brother and Sister Woodruff and games were played out of doors after a very pleasant tea had been served.

In Denton, the M.I.A. has been determined to get out and about as much as possible, and during the last month it has visited a theatre to see "Careless Rapture," has been to a cinema,

and last week enjoyed an impromptu social followed by a chip supper.

Elbow grease has been very much to the fore this week and with the much appreciated help of members of the Denton Branch the chapel has been thoroughly renovated and new curtains have been put up at the windows.

The girls of Rochdale and Stockport have been really getting "on the ball" so to speak and we have pleasure in proclaiming, for the attention of everyone in general, that several softball games have been played. On one occasion Rochdale beat Stockport.

It is with regret that we have to announce the passing away of Elder Herbert Greenhalgh who has faithfully served in several church offices, his last appointment being Rochdale Branch clerk. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him and we extend our sympathy to his family.

We see that Oldham has been busy again and we take much pleasure in recording here that at a "Bring and Buy Sale," which was opened by Sister E. Pearce, district supervisor of the Relief Society, the sum of £18:1:4 was raised. We wish to thank all supporters.



NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

Reported by Evelyn Young

On July 17th a very successful branch conference was held in Sunderland. The afternoon session was partly devoted to a children's programme, after which Elders Reed A. Benson and Bruce R. Curtis spoke. A play was presented at the evening session entitled "A Reverie," written and produced by President F. W. Oates. Speakers were Elders J. L. Fisher, C. D. Harland and F. W. Oates. A solo was rendered by Edmund Walton.

Elder Miles Johnson entertained the Saints and friends of Sunderland Branch with his electronic machine recordings on Monday, July 18th.

Eighty-five Saints and friends gathered together in Sunderland on July 19th to hear President Selvoy J. Boyer

give an inspiring address in which he compared other churches with that of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Elder J. L. Fisher also spoke. Musical numbers were rendered by the Beehive girls, Edmund Walton and Mrs. M. Robertson.

Six candidates were baptised at a service held in the Sunderland Church Saturday, July 23rd, which was conducted by District President F. W. Oates. Arlene Shelma Pattinson and Shirley Ann Whiteman were baptised by Elder David H. Simister and confirmed by Elders Donald L. Waterworth and Victor E. Gilbert, respectively. Josemene Retta Whiteman and Derrick James Thom were baptised by Elder Boyd K. Storey and confirmed by Elders Merrill O. Balls and William O. Chipping, respectively. Dennis Almond and Joseph Sydney Almond were baptised by Elder Joseph L. Fisher and confirmed by Elder Bruce R. McGuire and President F. W. Oates, respectively. Elder Bruce McGuire gave a talk on baptism and the Holy Ghost.

Following the baptismal service a Pioneer Day celebration was held at the Johnson's farm under the direction of the District M.I.A. Assistant, Elder Clinton R. McBride. Pioneer stories were told by Mrs. H. Fisher, M. Cuthbertson and E. Young and also by Elder Reed A. Benson. The outing was completely enjoyed.

The first Beehive camp in the history of the Newcastle District was held at Stanhope, Co. Durham, the first week in August. Eighteen Beehive girls of the Middlesbrough and Carlisle Branches enjoyed this grand experience. The camp was organised and directed under the supervision of Beekeepers Joyce H. Tiffen of Carlisle and Delsa Harland and Maud Elliott of Middlesbrough.

On Sunday, July 31st, Elder Clinton R. McBride was released and Elder Bruce R. McGuire sustained as branch president of South Shields.

At a baptismal service held on Thursday, July 28th, in the Sunderland chapel the following were baptised: Mrs. Amelia Annie Walton and Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson by Elder Clinton R. McBride and confirmed by Elders Edward M. Bunker and F. W. Oates, respectively. Mrs. Emma Jowsey

Crosby was baptised by Elder Reed A. Benson and confirmed by Elder Bruce R. Curtis.

Members of the Darlington M.I.A. have had a very active summer programme, events including swimming, roller-skating, rambles, putting, and an outing to inspect Raby Castle and Park.

In July the Carlisle Branch held a fancy dress party. Prize winners were Miss Ethel Birkett (Indian princess) and Elder Lorin M. Rogers (young lady) in the adult group and Winnie Cook (nurse) and Betty Rosie (cowgirl) in the junior group.

Under the direction of Superintendent France, Miss Gladys Quale and Miss Grace Wright, eighty children and parents had a wonderful time at the annual Sunderland Branch Sunday School outing.

NORWICH DISTRICT Reported by T. M. Aldous

On July 23rd the Norwich and Lowestoft M.I.A. enjoyed a day of fun and activity together at Earlham Park, Norwich. The afternoon began with a swim in the river followed by a softball game between the men of the Norwich Branch and the men of the Lowestoft Branch. Norwich came out on top. Next were sack races and other group games, followed by a lunch and story telling by the elders around the camp-fire. The day ended with a good game of "kick the can," after which the groups dispersed.

On August 14th Mr. Tom Wilson was set apart as Sunday School superintendent of the Norwich Branch and Mrs. Joyce Cook was set apart as first counsellor of the Norwich Relief Society. The same day Mr. James H. Musgrave was advanced to the office of elder and ordained by President Boyer.

The Norwich Branch Sunday School held a bazaar on July 28th which was conducted by the Relief Society to raise funds for a Sunday School outing this week. The bazaar proved a success and £10 was raised from some 50 people in attendance.

Elder Valton E. Jackson was transferred to Peterborough on July 31st to replace Elder Dee E. Willden who was transferred to the Scottish District.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT Reported by June Wilson

Missionaries, friends and members of the Nottingham Branch had a wonderful time on an excursion to Hunstanton on July 2nd. On Friday, July 22nd, there were many thrills and spills when the Nottingham M.I.A. went ice skating. This "night out" proved very successful. The group hopes to have many more similar "do's" in the future.

On August 11th in Mansfield the M.I.A. spent an evening at the swimming baths. This proved to be very enjoyable for the onlookers as well as the swimmers and all are keen to repeat the adventure.

Under the direction of Lilian Barnes the Relief Society of the Eastwood Branch held a very successful social on Tuesday, July 26th. Nancy Martin was in charge of the games. Refreshments were served during the evening and a friendly spirit was manifested throughout.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT Reported by Arvilla Smith

About 70 members, friends and missionaries attended a district Pioneer celebration held at "Barnsley Plains" (so called for the occasion) after Union Meeting on July 23rd. District President David E. Gledhill supervised the affair. A well planned programme of races, games, folk dancing and community singing followed a balloon and pie eating contest, Doncaster winning the honours. An original Yorkshire skit, "What's Up With Thee," portraying Yorkshire family crossing the plains to Salt Lake City, was humourously presented by the missionaries.

Sheffield Branch members and missionaries enjoyed a motor coach trip to New Brighton on July 30th. The affair was arranged and planned by the M.I.A. officers. The traditional English climate lived up to its usual reputation, but everyone present had a good time.

Doncaster Branch Sunday School spent an enjoyable day at Bridlington on August 1st. All the children, in addition to travelling free of charge, were given fruit, sweets and one shilling. Games were played on the sands and a good time was had by all.

A Sunday evening programme conducted by the assisting Primary Mother, Mrs. Nellie Bailey, was held in the Sheffield Chapel on August 7th. Speeches on Primary organisation were given by the assigned speakers, President, Gledhill, Elder Quilter and Mrs. Hilda Mann.

An evening trip to Haddon Hall, Chatsworth House and Little John's grave was enjoyed by the Sheffield Branch Saints, missionaries and friends on August 11th.

Mission President Selvoy J. Boyer was the honoured guest at the Doncaster Priesthood dinner held August 8th in the Latter-day Saint hall. Elders and local members of the priesthood were responsible for a really enjoyable dinner. Mr. Cyril J. Bishop was chef. A concert of various items followed the dinner. Seventy people attended and proceeds were turned over to the welfare.



A very enjoyable garden party was held in the grounds of the Barnsley Latter-day Saint chapel on August 13th. The affair was planned by the Sunday School assisted by the M.I.A.

WELSH DISTRICT

Reported by Gladys Mason

On July 28th the Millennial Chorus had an audition and recording before the B.B.C. at Cardiff. The same evening they gave a performance at the Memorial Hall, Varteg, where the M.I.A. presented before a pleased

audience the play "I'll Eat My Hat."

On July 29th the Millennial Chorus took part in a baptismal service at Merthyr Tydfil when John Reynolds and Leona Woods were baptised by Elder Don C. Carter. In the evening the Chorus gave a 25 minute programme at a Merthyr Tydfil cinema to a full house of 1,500 people and gave a repeated performance on the Saturday evening.

Sunday's Sacrament meeting at Cardiff was conducted by Elder Haskins of the Millennial Chorus. August Bank holiday was celebrated by the Chorus, missionaries and all district members in a district outing held at Lleendoff Filds, Cardiff. Despite the bad weather all had a good time. Tuesday the Chorus put on a programme before 100 people at Brintinian, Bridgend, and Wednesday again at Merthyr Tydfil to a full house when the M.I.A. there presented the contest play, "I'll Eat My Hat."

Varteg Branch members and missionaries had a very enjoyable day at the park. They went with the invitation of the Relief Society who were holding their outing. Games during the day of sunshine and a picture show in the evening made a perfect day of the 11th of August.

On August 12th at Bridgend Baths Mrs. Violet Doreen Jones and Mrs. Elizabeth Hannah Grigsby were baptised by Elder Bigler, after which the confirmations were held at the home of the candidates.

August 18th at the Brigend Baths Beatrice Maud Allen Jenkins was baptised by Elder Vernon C. Young.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Autumn Series

NORWICH DISTRICT

The Autumn Conference of the Norwich District was held August 14th at the Norwich Branch chapel with President Selvoy J. Boyer presiding and with Elder Leland W. Rawson and Elder William O. Chipping of the Mission Presidency in attendance. Also present were Sister Gladys Boyer who presided over the Relief Society meeting and

Sister Leda Widdison who presided over the M.I.A. meeting.

President Noble V. King conducted all sessions of the conference. President Boyer was the main speaker at all sessions, with the other members of the presidency, Auxiliary leaders and elders also addressing the conference. There were approximately 100 people in attendance to enjoy the fine spirit of the conference.

PERSONALS

BIRTHS

REED.—Susan Faith Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reed, was blessed by President Selvoy J. Boyer on July 31st at the Cheltenham Branch. She was born on the 2nd of June.

COOK.—On August 7th Vida Elizabeth Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie J. Cook, was blessed by her father in the Norwich Chapel.

BLACKMAN. — David Harry Blackman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blackman of Birmingham, was born on July 6th. He was blessed at the Handsworth chapel by Branch President William St. John Yates on July 24th.

THOMPSON.—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Thompson, born on the 21st of June, was blessed on July 17th by Elder T. Weatherhead in the Middlesbrough Branch and given the name of Christopher.

KING.—The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest King was blessed on the 7th of August by Elder Melvin M. Fillerup. She was given the name of Phyllis Yvonne.

DAY.—The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Day was blessed at the Brighton Branch on August 7th by Elder G. T. Choules.

MILLS.—The infant daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. F. L. Mills was blessed on Sunday, June 5th, in the Barnsley Branch. She was blessed by President Frank Smith and given the name of Lovis Eileen.

DEATHS

GOWING. — A funeral service was held in the Kirkley Cemetery Chapel, Lowestoft, on July 5th, for Miss Lily Florence Gowing. The service was conducted by Elder O. Wayne Thor-nock. Sister Thelma Green rendered a solo at the graveside and Elder Charles R. Oniones dedicated the grave.

COTTON-BETTERIDGE. — Ronald Cotton-Betteridge, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cotton-Betteridge of Cheltenham, passed away on July 26th. The grave was dedicated by District President Hyrum P. Hatch.

DAVIES.—Mr. Daniel Davies passed away on the 13th of August. Funeral services were conducted by District President William T. Davis. Mr. Davies is survived by his wife, Gladys; a son, Emlyn; and two daughters, Jean and Annette.

EMIGRATIONS

McGHEE. — Mr. and Mrs. McGhee and family of the Liverpool Branch sailed for Salt Lake City on June 25th.

DISTRICT DRAMA WINNERS ANNOUNCED

THE following are the results of the District M.I.A. Drama Contest in which each branch presented the play "I'll Eat My Hat."

District.	Branch Winner	District	Branch Winner
Birmingham	Kidderminster	Manchester	Bury
Bristol	Cheltenham	Newcastle	Middlesbrough
Hull	Grimsby	Norwich	Norwich
Irish	Belfast	Nottingham	Nottingham
Leeds	Dewsbury	Scottish	Edinburgh
Liverpool	Preston	Sheffield	Barnsley
London	Oxford	Welsh	Merthyr Tydfil



RELIEF SOCIETY CONTRIBUTORS' ROLL

THE British Mission Relief Society presidency wishes to acknowledge the contributions of the many branches who have so willingly donated to the gift to be used in the new Relief Society building in Salt Lake City.

Branches that have contributed are as follows:

Branch	District	Branch	District
Accrington	Liverpool	Liverpool	Liverpool
Barnsley	Sheffield	South London	London
Birmingham	Birmingham	Lowestoft	Norwich
Blackburn	Liverpool	Nelson	Liverpool
Burnley	Liverpool	North London	London
Bury	Manchester	Northampton	Birmingham
Castleford	Leeds	Norwich	Norwich
Cheltenham	Bristol	Nottingham	Nottingham
Denton	Manchester	Nuneaton	Birmingham
Derby	Nottingham	Oldham	Manchester
Dewsbury	Leeds	Preston	Liverpool
Doncaster	Sheffield	Rochdale	Manchester
Dublin	Irish	Sheffield	Sheffield
Glasgow	Scottish	St. Albans	London
Halifax	Leeds	Stockport	Manchester
Hull	Hull	Varteg	Welsh
Hyde	Manchester	Wigan	Liverpool
Leicester	Nottingham		

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is part of the explanation of the almost miraculous record of the Church accomplished in only one century in conquering a desert, in educational development ("Utah leads all the other states of the Union in the education of its people"), in respect for law, in freedom from disease, in family integrity, and in the basic factor of individual standards of personal, moral cleanliness on the part of its members.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints presents a plan of life and salvation which, to those who truly believe in it and practice it, provides assurance of a useful and satisfying existence here and an exaltation in the Kingdom of God. I have been a life long observer of political and social methods which men have contrived for their progress and happiness, and many if not all of these plans have merit, some of them great merit, but here in this new world Church is the perfect plan for man's exaltation here and hereafter. It is perfect because it is God's plan revealed to His chosen

servants in preparation for the great and dreadful days which have been prophesied of, by ancient and modern prophets and which are already upon us as the record of two terrible world wars testify; and as the present deadly class strive within nations and bitterness between nations also testify. Let us not forget, as events unfold on the earth that these "last" days shall be great and dreadful, great to those who have lived worthily, and dreadful to those who have neglected the privilege, which these few years of life provide us all, of striving constantly for spiritual excellence. The attainment of this excellence is the one great end and object of life.

The democratic ideal provides man his best opportunity for progress to this end in political and economic affairs. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints confirms and supports these democratic principles in what will some day be recognised throughout the world as the greatest compound of doctrine extant for man's progress and happiness here and his exaltation in the Kingdom of God.

NEW MEMBER OF THE MISSION PRESIDENCY APPOINTED

THE appointment of Elder William O. Chipping as second counsellor in the British Mission Presidency has been announced recently. The office was made vacant by the emigration of George F. Poole, former first counsellor, and by the shifting of Elder Leland W. Rawson from second to first counsellor in the Mission Presidency. Elder Chipping's home is in St. Albans, England, and he has been long associated with the Sunday Schools in Great Britain. He is at present Superintendent of the Mission Sunday Schools and is serving as a full-time missionary.

Elder Rawson and Elder Chipping were set apart by President Alma Sonne of the European Mission on the 18th of August.

THE CHILDRENS PAGE

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Little Paul felt hurt and angry. He lay down on the floor and cried. He was just trying to help and Eugene had made him stop.

Beth saw what was the matter. She knew that Eugene had wanted to make the doilies very beautiful, with borders around the edges and pictures in the middle. She knew that Eugene knew that little Paul could not make pictures like that, so he had made him stop helping.

"Come on, Eugene, let us give Paul some crayons and paper to make doilies. It is true that they won't be as good as yours and mine, but he is just learning how and likes to do it. It will make mother and father happy to see how much Paul has tried to help us, too," she said.

"All right, Paul. Come on. Here are some crayons and a few sheets of paper for you," said Eugene as he fixed a place at the table for his little brother to work.

That night when their father tucked them in bed he looked with loving eyes at Beth, sleeping in her bed, and said softly, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."



ANSWERS TO

HOW MANY KINGS DO YOU KNOW?

- 1, The king in the game of chess;
- 2, King Midas; 3, The lion; 4, King Arthur; 5, King Solomon; 6, King Cole; 7, King Saul; 8, Gold; 9, Nebuchadnezzar; 10, James I.

GENEALOGICAL WORKERS NEEDED

VACANCIES are open for suitable ladies in the Genealogical Research Department Office at Barnsley. Applicants must be over 18 years of age and of at least average intelligence. Good wages and prospects. Must be prepared to live in Barnsley and must be in good standing in the Church.

Interested persons should address their enquiries to Mr. James R. Cunningham, 34 Victoria Road, Barnsley, stating their qualifications and experience in Genealogical work, if any.

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A creed observed by our
Beloved President—
GEORGE ALBERT SMITH

I WOULD be a friend to the friendless and find joy in ministering to the needs of the poor.

I would visit the sick and afflicted and inspire in them a desire for faith to be healed.

I would teach the truth to the understanding and blessing of all mankind.

I would seek out the erring one and try to win him back to a righteous and a happy life.

I would not seek to force people to live up to my ideals, but rather love them into doing the thing that is right.

I would live with the masses and help to solve their problems that their earth life may be happy.

I would avoid the publicity of high positions and discourage flattery of thoughtless friends.

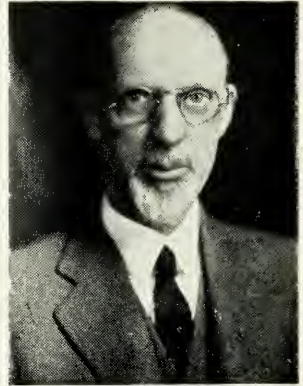
I would not knowingly wound the feeling of any, not even one who may have wronged me, but would seek to do him good and make him my friend.

I would overcome the tendency of selfishness and jealousy and rejoice in the successes of all the children of my Heavenly Father.

I would not be an enemy to any living soul.

Knowing that the Redeemer of mankind has offered to the world the only plan that will fully develop us and make us happy here and hereafter, I feel it not only a duty, but also a blessed privilege to disseminate the truth.

—PRESIDENT GEORGE ALBERT SMITH



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GOLDEN MOMENTS

By EVANS E. ROYLE

IN THE SPRING of 1836 Parley P. Pratt, one of the Twelve, was called to undertake a mission to Canada. He was in dire financial straits at the time as a result of his previous missionary labours and because of the illness of his wife who had required much care. One evening as he was pondering his situation, Heber C. Kimball came to see him. He prophesied that Parley would be enabled to take his mission to Canada and that he would do a great work there which would open the way for the Gospel to be preached in England. He was told that in the city of Toronto he would find a group of people ready to receive the word of the Lord. Then he made a promise that Parley's wife would recover from her lingering illness and bear him a son.

With the faith of Abraham, Elder Pratt set out in the company of a Brother Nickerson who paid his fare as far as Hamilton, Ontario, but left him to return home. Elder Pratt preached in Hamilton for a day or two but his objective was Toronto. The steamer fare was two dollars and having no funds for the trip he retired to the woods to ask the Lord's help. Returning to Hamilton he was engaged in conversation with some people when a stranger came up to him, asked him his name and if he were in need of funds and proceeded to give him ten dollars.

In Toronto Elder Pratt attempted to obtain permission to speak in various halls and chapels but to no avail. On a Sunday morning, however, he attended a particular service after which he was introduced to the minister. The minister invited him home to dinner and to another meeting that afternoon at the home of Mr. Patrick, a wealthy and influential gentleman in the government. It was the custom of the group which met at this residence to gather for Bible discussion twice weekly. In attendance was John Taylor, yet a stranger to the restored truth. After singing and prayer, Mr. Taylor arose and spoke on the inadequacy of modern day religions. At the conclusion of this talk Elder Pratt was introduced and he told them that he was bearing tidings of the restoration of the ancient Gospel that they were seeking. Another meeting was arranged that evening to give Elder Pratt the opportunity to discuss more fully his views to the eager listeners. Other meetings followed and it was but a short time before many of the group were baptised, including John Taylor, who became the third president of the Church, and his wife. Partial fulfilment of Elder Kimball's prophecy had come about.

Some time later as Parley was travelling through this district he called at the house of Joseph Fielding, a friend of John Taylor. At first Mr. Fielding was cool towards the message but he was an honest man and after investigating and finding that it was not only reasonable but scriptural, he became a member of the Church. Here we find further fulfilment of the prophecy for it was through this man's letters to his brother in England that the elders were enabled a year later to preach the restored Gospel from the pulpit of Vauxhall chapel in Preston.

Soon after this Elder Pratt returned home. He found that he was able to meet his pressing debts and also, to his great joy, his wife had been healed of her seven years' illness. Within a year a son was born to the Pratts thus fulfilling completely the exceptional prophecy of Heber C. Kimball.